

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Adagio from *Symphony III* Louis Vierne

Introit

“Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee” German chorale
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Jehovah, let me now adore thee, for where is there a God such, Lord, as thou?
With songs I fain would come before thee; O, let thy Holy Spirit teach me now
to praise thee in his name through whom alone our songs can please thee,
through thy blessed Son.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Minister: *We praise our God, the Creator, who lit the world
and breathed the breath of life into us.*

People: **We praise our God, the Son, who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to us.**

Minister: *We praise our God, the Spirit, who blows through the world
and blesses our souls with yearning.*

People: **We praise our God, the Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;**

Minister: *the beginning, the end, the Everlasting One.
Let us worship!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 267 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**Stand as you are able.*

Litany of Confession

Minister: *Shining, surprising, grace-full God, for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us and running away from your love:*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *For preferring the safe, familiar, and certain to the risky, unknown, and mysterious:*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability:*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity:*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday as in Easter Day:*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *Set us free, we pray, to live our lives graciously and without fear. We pray in your name, Father, Son, and Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

All: **Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Non Nobis, Domine” Roger Quilter

Listening for the Word

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 8 Old Testament, page 466

First Lesson

John 1:1–5, 14 New Testament, page 86

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

Selections from Genesis 1 Old Testament, page 1

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

In life and in death we belong to God. . . .

We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve. . . .

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news
to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word
and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe
the gospel. . . .

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and
makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and
female, of every race and people, to live as one
community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and
renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through
faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God
and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in
the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

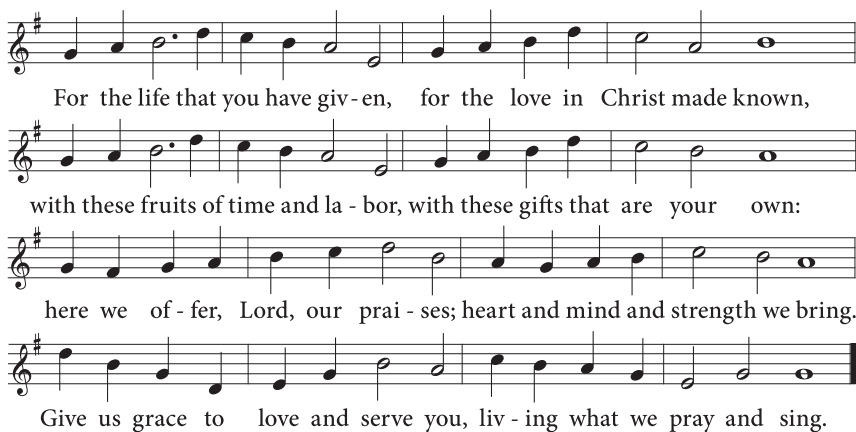
"Amen" Morgan Simmons

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One" Gustav Holst
arr. Mary McDonald

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (*unison*)

O God, be in the ministries and mission
for which these gifts are given,
and bless those who give them,
that we may dedicate ourselves as well.
Teach us again and again
the power of generosity and love.
May we be a part of your creative work
of healing in this world. Amen.

*Hymn 288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Final from *Symphony III* L. Vierne

TODAY IS BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY			
Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes and congratulates the following members and Chicago Lights Tutoring students, all of whom are 2014 graduates.			
EIGHTH GRADE			
Renee Aavik	Matthew Davila	Jordyn Lando	Anne Satre
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GRADUATE DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS			
Nicholette	Lindsay Cook	Kevin Mori	Alison Van Vark-Naish
Andrews-Maggio	Patricia Fraser	Jacob Schemper	John Vest
Caroline Brooks	Lauren Frisch	Kristen Turner	Michael Woodham

Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Ann Murray, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Hardy H. Kim, Ann Murray, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

AS THE BULLETIN HEADINGS remind us, the center of our worship is the Word—by which we mean both Scripture, which through God’s Spirit witnesses to God and God’s activity, and also the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. When Scripture is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship. That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God’s work all around us.

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